

FACT SHEET



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY

What is the California Registry?

The Registry is a public/private partnership created by the State of California to encourage companies, government agencies and other organizations that do business in California to voluntarily measure and report their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Businesses and environmental groups worked with State officials and the State legislature to design a mechanism for protecting early actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – the product of this collaboration was the Registry. The Registry opened its doors for business in September of 2001.

Who participates in the California Registry?

The Registry currently has 45 members large and small that represent a wide range of sectors of the California economy, including: electricity, oil and gas, manufacturing, telecommunications, mining, transportation, health care, food processing, education, local and state government agencies, non-profit organizations and more.

Is the California Registry a state agency?

No. The Registry operates as a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a board of directors composed of representatives from business, government and nonprofit environmental groups.

Why do companies participate in the California Registry?

There are many benefits to Registry participation. Participants are on the “cutting edge” of strategies to reduce GHG emissions, and gain valuable insights into the efficiency of their own operations. Participants also have the ability to compare their efficiency to others in their industry segment. Early movers with experience in measuring and managing their GHG emissions can save money, protect their own reductions, and help influence future policy by joining the Registry. Registry participation will bring positive attention to those on the forefront of efforts to address concerns about global warming.

Is the California Registry involved in emissions trading?

No. However, in order to participate in any emissions trading scheme, companies and organizations must have accurate, transparent and verifiable records of their emissions. The Registry provides that service, ensuring that reported emissions are accurate and verified.

How is emissions data verified?

The Registry requires independent certification of all emissions data by an approved third party contractor.